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Flight Report

Aircraft :	NASA P-3B				
Operating Site(s) From / To :	BGTL / Fairbanks, AK				
Flight Date :	April 2, 2009				
Flight Number / Data Flight # :	720				
Time out:	1300 (Z)				
Time in:	2112 (Z)				
Flight Time :	8.2				
FIt Request # / PI:	FR#9P007/013/014				
Purpose of Flight :	Data [X] Ferry [] Functional Check [] Other []				
Sensor Payload :	Arctic Ice Gap (Operation Ice Bridge) for Sea Ice ICESat orbit tracks. ATM(2), Snow radar				
Comments:	ICESat ground tracks for two orbit segments in the Arctic Basin between Greenland and Alaska were surveyed (ICESat lines 282 & 284 - flight plan attached). The 2 ATM lidar sensors and the snow radar report excellent data collected. Skys were very clear, and the ice cover was near 100%. Plans are to conduct an Ice Bridge Sea Ice flight which transits back to Thule very early Sunday morning, pending weather. The LVIS team continues to work issues with their scanner subsystem.				

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Krabill 2 April 2009



Flight	Date	Aircraft Flight #	Data Flight#	Hours flown	Total Hours Remaining
Total Allocated					184.0
ECF	3/25/09	713		8.0	183.2
PCF	3/27/09	716		3.7	179.5
Transit to Thule	3/30/09	693		7.6	171.9
Science flight Op Ice Bridge	3/31/09	718	1	8.1	163.8
Science flight Op Ice Bridge	4/1/09	719	2	7.7	156.1
Science Flight Op Ice Bridge	4/2/09	720	3	8.2	147.9